



Hawaii State Student Council

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Subject: Report on Business and Developments of the Hawaii State Student Council (HSSC)

I. Meeting Overview

The Hawaii State Student Council conducted its last monthly meeting June 1-2, 2011. To facilitate efficient passing of information the meeting included the outgoing and incoming HSSC representatives.

II. Concerns

- a. The original, online discussion and voting of the HSSC to select the 2011-2012 BOE Student Member has been considered void because of discordance with the statements in Chapter 92. Options were discussed (please see **Decisions**).
- b. HSSC will be conducting an online student survey to gather data on continuing concerns re the unsatisfactory conditions of secondary school restrooms.
- c. The topic of HB 945 concerning longer school days for more instructional time has been deferred to the 2011-2012 council.
- d. Some Leeward District schools have experience increased incidences of fights on campus.
- e. BOE committee and general meetings will now take place in the morning and early afternoon making it difficult for students, teachers and the general public to attend.

III. Discussions

- a. Representatives from five out of seven school districts have reported their respective complex superintendents have attended at least one district student council meeting. The HSSC applauds the willingness of these district leaders to make that necessary connection with the district student councils.
- b. Senator Jill Tokuda discussed the status of Legislative Session 2011 bills HSSC was supporting, and the role of HSSC in advocating the student voice.

- c. Mr. Don Horner, chairman of the BOE, discussed student concerns with the HSSC and challenged the council to come up with three to five tangible priorities. The council reviewed the School Quality Survey and SLW Survey for revisions.

IV. Decisions

- a. The HSSC has decided to appoint Angelica Wai Sam Lao as the interim BOE Student Representative who will serve from now, overlapping with Board Member Mark Dannog's term which ends in July, until a statewide election is conducted in the Fall of 2011.

V. Activities and Projects

- a. The annual Student Leadership Workshop will be held July 14-16, 2011 in the UH at Manoa's facilities. This year, over 400 student leaders from public schools across the state have registered. The HSSC has begun its rigorous planning for this event.
- b. The final edition of the HSSC newsletter, the *'Opio Breakthrough*, has been distributed to all state public secondary schools.
- c. The HSSC Facebook page and the official HSSC website has finally been updated. The address is <http://hawaiiistatestudentcouncil.webs.com>. HSSC will continue to pursue a private website without pop ups and which provides consistent operation.